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Rep. Danou: Applauds New Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Grant Legislation

MADISON - Rep. Chris Danou (D-Trempealeau) released the following statement regarding the introduction of the new sporting heritage grant legislation:

“For weeks the controversy surrounding the sporting heritage grant to United Sportsmen has been mounting in the hunting community. Clearly, we need to find a legislative solution to this matter and I’m proud of the work we’ve done on this bill. Not only does this bill restore credibility and integrity to the legislative process, but it also makes the sporting heritage grant process open, fair and competitive.

“The bill we introduced is a good one and should move forward in the legislature. It requires the grant recipient to provide education programs for people who hunt, fish, or trap as well as establish recruiting programs for people who engage in these activities. To be eligible for a grant, a nonprofit organization must be organized in Wisconsin and must have received tax-exempt status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under s. 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

“I know these things sound basic but they are necessary. The majority party skirted the legislative process and duped colleagues on both sides of the aisle to hand out taxpayer dollars to political cronies. The sportsmen who fund Wisconsin’s conservation efforts deserve better and it is our job to make this situation right.

“With the new sporting heritage grant legislation, we are putting the past behind us and are moving forward toward a solution. We will make sure taxpayer dollars are used fairly and effectively, and we will restore necessary trust within the hunting, fishing and trapping community. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the coming weeks in a bipartisan effort to move this bill through the legislative process.

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